

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 12th November 2023



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THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

As we move toward the conclusion of the church year, the liturgy takes a decisive shift. The readings focus more on the end-times, and we set aside this month of November as a time to remember the dead. As we gather today to contemplate deep truths, let us pray that by our attitudes and actions we will eagerly welcome the arrival of the Lord in our everyday lives and wisely prepare for his coming at the end of time. We also remember today all those who have been killed fighting for their country, especially in the two world wars. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2022 World Library Publications*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11 th November		6.30pm O. O'Malley & P J Rochford RIP
Sunday 12 th November	The Thirty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.30am People of the Parish 11.30am Mario & Vincenza Taibi 6.30pm Natasha Noonan RIP
Monday 13 th November		10.00am Irene Diniz & Joseph Luis
Tuesday 14 th November		10.00am Rose Slattery RIP 12.00 Deceased Members of the Deanery
Wednesday 15 th November	Albert the Great	10.00am Elizabeth Onafuye RIP
Thursday 16 th November	Edmund	10.00am Calogero Di Francesco RIP
Friday 17 th November	Hugh	10.00am Holy Souls
Saturday 18 th November		6.30pm Phillip MacNamara RIP

Have you taken some Raffle Tickets? They are available at the entrances to the Church.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalms 62

1 Thessalonians 4:13

Matthew 25:1-13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Proverbs 31:10-13

Psalms 127

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CHURCH

The live stream runs twenty-four hours a day, so you can 'visit' the Church whenever you wish. There is a link on the Parish Website and it is also accessible at <http://www.churchservices.tv/walthamcross>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

During Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People Prisoners and their Families.

For those who are ill: Nicola Harker, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Natasha Papet, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood, Tina Figueria, Iris Waters, Pat Deane, Vera Argue, Lesley Cartwright, Patsy Joseph, Val McGuinness, Margaret Reynolds, Michael Verbruggen, Mary Fitzgerald,

For those who have died recently: June Hunter, Shirley Cade, Anna Chipolina, Vincenz Giuliano, Simone Harper, Aaron Dubois

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Pat Coyne, Calogero Di Francesco, Elizabeth Onafuye, Jerry O'Sullivan, Olive O'Malley, P.J Rochford,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £865.16, plus the Regular Standing Orders. Sick and Retired Priests Fund: £499.73

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturday from 10.30 – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th November at 1.00pm – Molly Ruth

Sunday 19th November at 12.45pm – Emmanuel & Ezekiel Olympio

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral for the late Vincenz Giuliano will be celebrated on Friday 17th November at 12 noon.

COME TO TEA!

The Parish Centre is open every Monday afternoon for Afternoon Tea and Biscuits and a chat from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome. We even have Orange Squash for those who are too young for tea or coffee!

It is also open on a Wednesday from 1.30pm -3.00pm for Soup and Toast as well as tea, coffee or orange squash. Again, everyone is welcome. There is no need to book, just turn up and enjoy the company.

RCIA

The RCIA Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

DEANERY MASS

The Priests of the Lea Valley Deanery will gather to celebrate Mass for all those Priests, Deacons, and Religious who have worked in the area in the past on Tuesday 14th November at 12 noon in the Church. All are welcome.

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course on Saturday 18th November at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be baptised please speak to Fr John.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion parents on Thursday 16th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 18th November at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.

If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Alternatively, take a Patron's leaflet and consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Purple Sheets for the November Dead List and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church. Please return them both to the Parish Office and the lists of names will be placed in the Book of the Dead, which will be on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Souls each week, and the Annual Mass for all those from the Parish who have died in the last year will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Friday 24th November.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering free legal advice surgery. The surgery sessions are in the Parish Office, just ring the doorbell at the Presbytery. If you would like free, independent, impartial and confidential advice, (for example) debt, employment, housing, consumer rights, wills & probate, lasting powers of attorney (the list is not exhaustive) then come along on the last Wednesday of every month between 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The next session is Wednesday, 29th November 2023.

200 CLUB WINNERS – OCTOBER 2023

1st No. 142 Christina Roberts;

2nd No. 110 Darren Paul;

3rd No. 114 Paul Mason

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING GROUPS

The Theme for the Autumn Faith Sharing is the Year of the Council. The Council (Vatican II) was an act of love: "A great, threefold act of love" – as Pope Paul VI said in his opening address at the Council's fourth session – an act of love "for God, for the Church, for humanity". The effectiveness of that act has not been exhausted at all: it continues to work through the rich dynamic of its teachings." This new resource, The Year of the Council, for small faith-sharing communities across our Diocese seeks to bring us deep into that act of love. We can discover afresh or maybe for the first time just how, in Pope St John Paul II's words 'The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council was truly a prophetic message for the Church's life; it will continue to be so for many years in the third millennium. The Church, rich in the eternal truths entrusted to her, will still speak to the world, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the one true Saviour of the world: yesterday, today and for ever!' The Booklets are available from the Parish Office at £3 each.

ADVENT GIVING CALENDER

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost of living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties. This Advent Giving Calendar is designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. You can follow along each day and you can leave your donations for the Broxbourne Foodbank in the Red Box by the Lady Altar. To download a copy of the Advent Giving Calendar go to <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, and international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH

Upcoming Event, A Discussion of Fratelli Tutti Chapter 8: Religions at the Service of Fraternity in our World. Wednesday 15th November, 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP. All welcome. For more information, contact woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS CAVERN 2023

The Christmas Cavern this year will be on Sunday, 3rd December 9.00am – 1.30pm. If you have any new unwanted gifts or bottles for our Tombola stall, please hand them into the Parish Office. If you would like a stall, please let the Parish office know. The Stalls will be £10. The Raffle Tickets are available at both entrances to the Church. Please take some home and return the stubs to the Parish Office. The proceeds of the Christmas Raffle this year will be donated to Isabel Hospice. Thank you!

No cash? Or prefer to make your offering by phone? Just scan the QR Code with your smartphone. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.

